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PATENT
Docket No. GC507-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Nathaniel T. Becker, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No. 09/215,095) Examiner: Borin, M.
Filed: December 18, 1998)
For: MATRIX GRANULE)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

BOX AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2001, finally rejecting all pending claims, please enter the instant amendment and consider the following comments. Concurrently Applicants are filing a Notice of Appeal.

In the Claims

Please replace claim 85 with a clean copy of said amended claim. A marked-up version of amended claim 85 is provided on a separate sheet attached hereto.

85.(Amended) The granule of claim 83, wherein said sugar is selected from the group consisting of glucose, fructose, raffinose, maltose, lactose, trehalose and sucrose.